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We publish to-morrow, as usual, in addition to the ordinary sheet, a Supplement of twenty columns, containing more interesting and instructive reading than any single number of any other paper in the country. In the advertising columns of this paper will be found, besides, a complete epitome of the business of Chicago.

WASHINGTON.

Admission of Senator Revels, Jeff. Davis' Successor.

Senate Bill to Divide the State of Texas.

A Second Georgia Reconstruction Bill.

Passage of the General Appropriation Bill in the House.

Some of its Prominent Features.

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THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Senate to-day passed the bill that has been failed by the House, and will reach the Senate as its next action. Mr. Dawes carried it through the preliminaries of the session, and was chosen for the place he occupies. He was beaten on but one point of consequence, viz., that of committing the mint at Carson City, Nev., and giving it $91,000. The bill he opposed; but it was carried, by 29 to 26. Its end Regent, of California, were at issue with their associates on the committee as to the Bureau of Statistics, but the House stood them by a very decided majority. The result of the bill shows that he committee is one of the wisest and strongest in House ever had. One provision of the bill dock away with all extra compensation to civil officers of any grade. Another declares that the Obligement funds shall never be used for paying clerks or messengers, and a third carries back into the Treasury all unexpended balances one year in advance.

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APPROPRIATIONS

The following appropriations were sent in to day: Gen. B. Goodrich, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue of the First District of Wisconsin. Postmaster—Stockton, Cal., Wm. Hall; Los Angeles, California, Geo. F. Chatt, Los Angeles, California.

A general order from Adjt. Gen. Hagner announces, by direction of the Secretary of War, that the following named generals are designated as Division Commanders, viz.: Schofield, Massachusetts; Rock Island; Waterville, N. Y.; Watertown, Mass.; Frankfort, Pa.; Washington; Allegheny; Albany; Pittsburgh; Cincinnati; Louisville; Chicago; Detroit; Cleveland; Indianapolis; Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis.

RETIREMENT ORDER.

An order was issued requiring the Generals commanding military departments to give special attention to the economical administration of all branches of the service within their commands.

DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Deficiency bill agreed upon to-day by the House Committee lacks of less than four millions of dollars, and includes the following items: For preliminary expenses for laying the ninth census, $100,000; printing and furnishing the President's house, $50,000; guard duty, $25,000 salaries, $50,000; for salaries of the Supreme Court, $15,000 allowed; $1,000 were asked for the Chief Justice, and $500 each for the associate justices of the President's house, and none for the purchase of plants for the President's greenhouse, and not allowed; $50,000 for the purchase of land for the site for roofing the Custom House at Detroit, $1,800; completing the work on the branch mint at San Francisco, $100,000; roofing the Custom House at Cincinnati, $50,000; roofing the Custom House at Chicago, $50,000; construction of Custom House at St. Paul, $15,000; furniture for Custom House at Mobile, $10,000; furniture for Court House at Detroit, $5,000; furniture for Court House at Springfield, Mo., $15,000.

SECRETARY'S MEN.

Secretary and Mrs. Fish, to-night, gave their last evening reception, and were assisted by Speaker and Mrs. Blaine also held an evening reception.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a substitute for the bill to improve the harbor at Illinois City, Illinois & Texas Railroad.

Mr. HOWARD reported, with amendment, a bill to fix the place of junction of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads.

TEXAS.

Mr. HOWARD also introduced a bill to divide the State of Texas, and establish the Territories of Jefferson and Texas. He said the proposition was to divide Texas into three parts. One to be called Texas, one Jefferson and Trinity River, containing by the census of 1860 about 600,000 inhabitants, and the small Territory of Jefferson. The result of the bill shows that he committee is one of the wisest and strongest in House ever had. One provision of the bill dock away with all extra compensation to civil officers of any grade. Another declares that the Obligement funds shall never be used for paying clerks or messengers, and a third carries back into the Treasury all unexpended balances one year in advance.

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THE CASE OF WHITTEMORE.

Mr. B. F. Whittemore, the Representative in Congress from the First District of South Carolina, avoided an expulsion by resigning his seat. Here, ordinarily, Mr. Whittemore and his case should fall into oblivion; but, as it is reported that the ex-member intends to be a candidate for re-election, the facts leading to his sudden retirement still possess a degree of public interest. From the official report of the testimony we obtain the following particulars:

One P. H. Kegler, formerly a resident of Charleston, desiring to have his son appointed to the Naval School, applied to Senator Sawyer, of South Carolina, who gave him a letter of introduction to Whittemore. Kegler applied to Whittemore, who had such an appointment in his gift, but who told him that he had already promised it to another. This was in January, 1869. In April following Kegler met in Boston one W. F. Shaw, who, in the course of conversation, stated that he had an appointment for a naval cadet, and would appoint Kegler's son, but said there was to be "a consideration for it," at the same time showing Whittemore's letter on the subject, in which the value of such an appointment was put at from $2,000 to $3,000. He gave Kegler a letter to Whittemore. Kegler not finding Whittemore in Washington enclosed him Shaw's letter, and made application for the place. To this Whittemore responded as follows:

DARLINGTON, S. C., May 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication, I have to say that I have appointed, for the position you name, that I have on the value of the appointments, cheaper for the money, Yours, &c., H. F. WHITTEMORE.

Kegler was disappointed and angry. He showed this letter to several persons, and in September following wrote to Whittemore, telling him he had been offered $500 for the above-mentioned letter. To this Whittemore replied, demanding a return of the letter. General A. Schoepf stated that he was introduced to Whittemore, and applied to him to have a son of General Tyler appointed to West Point. Whittemore answered him: "You can get it; my price is $2,000." General Schoepf declined to purchase. He, however, employed a lawyer (Mr. Este), who negotiated with another member, and got the appointment for $1,500.

Mr. John J. Dailey, of New York, stated that he engaged one Henry S. Olcott, an agent at Washington, to procure an appointment for his son to West Point. Subsequently the boy was nominated by Mr. Whittemore, of South Carolina,—the boy having had to go to South Carolina for a few months so as to be able to claim residence. For this service he paid Mr. Olcott $2,000. This took place in January, 1869. Olcott is now in Europe. E. P. Brooks testified that he acted as agent for Olcott, and induced Whittemore to appoint young Dailey; that he paid to Whittemore from $1,000 to $1,500, not for the appointment, but "under a religious understanding on his (Whittemore's) part that the money was to be used for political and educational purposes in his district."

To this array of testimony Mr. Whittemore answered by stating that Mr. Goss, a colleague of his in the previous Congress, but who had not been returned, had made solicitations to have a son appointed, and offered to place in his hands $600, to be spent in his district, if the appointment was made. He promised to appoint young Goss. Subsequently there were several applications, including that of Kegler. These people were poor, and were suffering; they needed help every way, and he was beset with applications daily for contributions to church, educational, and political objects. He was made the boy of loyal parentage in the district fit to be appointed, and he thought that, as he had to go out of the district to make his selections, there was no impropriety in getting for his constituents the sums of money offered for their behalf. When he found the conditions, He then admitted receiving the money in the case of Dailey, and also $500 for the naval cadetship. He denied that he had received the money for the appointments, declaring that he only received it to cover expenditures made in his district for the poor, for the churches, for the schools, and for political purposes. He denied emphatically the statement of General Schoepf, and also criticised sharply the conduct of Kegler.

This is the whole story. The law provides for the appointment of a certain number of cadets to West Point, and to the Naval Academy, every year. The nomination of the cadets is accorded by custom to members of the House of Representatives, for their respective districts. The whole term at the academy being four years, the number annually appointed is only one-fourth of the whole number of Representatives, and thus it is that only a portion of the members have the power each year. The right of the member to nominate has by practice become absolute, limited only by the qualifications of the boy when examined. Upon the member's nomination, the Secretary of War, or of the Navy, as the case may be, issues the commission. The appointment of a year to each academy is lodged with the President.

The point that Mr. Whittemore and his associates in this business raise is that there is no impropriety in a member of Congress accepting the highest sum of money offered him, to be spent in charity or for political purposes, in consideration of such an appointment. It is true that members of Congress are compelled to spend money in their districts to be elected; that they may be supposed to be personally interest in the building of churches and the propagation of religion, and in the welfare of the poor; but what a state of moral obliquity is implied in claiming that they are thereby warranted in exchanging critical appointments for money to cover these personal or charitable expenses! The President could hardly defend himself upon impeachment, if, for each of the dozen cadets appointed by him annually, he accepted $1,000, to be spent in controlling a nominating convention, purchasing votes, or spreading the Gospel, either at home or abroad; and it is impossible to make any distinction between the criminality of such a proceeding on his part and that of a member of Congress doing the same thing.

The facts in Whittemore's case were admitted, and were proved. His defence was wholly untenable. To admit that a member could be reimbursed for political expenses, or for his private charities, in consideration of his vote or other official acts, would be to convert the office of Representative into that of a broker, selling his public acts to the highest bidder.

Mr. Whittemore may be able to get re-elected; the people of his district may be so benighted as to accept his explanation and defence as satisfactory; but a re-election can hardly avail him. The acts were committed by him as a member of the present Congress, and of these only the House took jurisdiction. He cannot plead that it is *res adjudicata*, because he fled the House before he was tried and sentenced. If he comes back the motion to expel him can and ought to be revived and passed. Mr. Whittemore should retire from public life and devote his talents and abilities to those religious, educational, and charitable objects for which he sold the colonelcy.

The public of Chicago have rarely enjoyed an entertainment so thoroughly intellectual and improving as the lectures of Professor Rodolphe on Chemistry. He is equal to his task as a popular lecturer on science, and plainly should, if he can be induced in his inveterate caution to protect the public from its dangers of inscrutability, may well demand that a margin of security should exist to cover the uncertainties that arise in computing the premium reserve. The Massachusetts and New York departments compute the premium reserves of all life insurance companies on different bases, and with different results, while still other standards differ from both.

But we are asked:

"At what rates of premium could a company, obliged to deposit a premium reserve of from 5 to 10 per cent above that estimated as necessary by the Massachusetts principles, profitably and honestly do business?"

As well might an advocate of the wild-cat banks ask us at what rate of interest the banks could loan their paper, if required to secure its redemption by deposits of national bonds. We doubt whether such requirements have raised the rates of interest in the one case, or would raise the rates of life insurance in the other; but, if they would, then whatever additional premium is necessary to be paid for security can be better afforded than to pay any premium at all for insecurity. Insecurity is non-insurance. Nothing is *insured* that is not *secured*.

But we believe such a system for fully securing the insured would diminish instead of increasing the ordinary rates of insurance. The higher security of the system would render the payment of 24 per cent commissions and 64 per cent of gross receipts in expenses, as are now paid by some companies, both impossible and unnecessary. Business would come to insurance companies as it now goes to banks, without any disgraceful system of drumming, boring, and solicitation. Companies would contract the exorbitant expenses now incurred in competing for business, and then reforms would reduce the cost of insurance while increasing the security to the insured.

THE VINDICATION OF VIRTUE.

The attempt by Miss Lydia Thompson to gain some *eclat* and vindicate her reputation by an assault on the editor of the Chicago *Times* lacks the elements which would enlist public sympathy either for the assailant or the assailed. In the first place, the attack of the *Times* on the "blondes" is a clear case of not selling kettle black. The *Times* plumes itself upon its superior virtue in excluding the advertisements of the Opera House, and yet in its last Sunday's issue gave an elaborate and, we presume, gratuitous whole-page advertisement of the prostitutes of Chicago and their business, published in the same issue in which it discoursed on the moral reputation of the "blondes." We do not regard the private morals of actors or actresses as a legitimate subject of comment by the press, unless such a degree of publicity is given to their immorality, by the parties themselves, as renders their example a public nuisance. We do not think that any such case exists in this controversy the modest demeanor of those persons described in the New Testament as sitting in judgment upon an erring woman, and who, when they received the rebuke, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone," appreciated the delicacy of the situation, and retired without throwing any stones whatever. It is much to be regretted that a like amiable policy could not have been pursued on this occasion.

On the other hand, Miss Thompson's attempt to bowdrize an editor is in itself proof of a lack of courage. Lack of indignation in this instance is failed even to illustrate courage. For "lovely woman," or for women who can be made to appear lovely behind the footlights by dint of paint, powder, and padding, to assail a man in public and use a cowhide on him, argues not an act which, when bravely and instinctively done, inspires the respect due to a good fighting animal. But where two or three women are backed by an equal number of men with pistols in their hands, and a general danger, commit their assault—on a single person, it is difficult to see where the prowess comes in. Such an outrage deserves only to be handed over to the courts and branded with whatever degree of severity the technical crime committed—that of riotous assault with deadly weapons—may deserve. The effort to make a sensation, first by placarding Mr. Storey as a "liar, coward, &c., upon the dead-walls of Chicago, and then by the assault of their business by a public street rencontre that might very easily and naturally have proved fatal to one or more of the parties, is considered merely as a trick to draw full houses,—one with which the discriminating public can have no sympathy. Instead of vindicating the virtue of those engaged in it, it disgraces them. Such assaults are characteristic of but two classes—those whose innocence is assumed, and those who have already frenzy by the breath of slander, and those who have so little character that they can afford to risk it in a street-fight. The plea of frenzy in this case, when we consider the careful preparation for the assault, would be entirely fanciful. Whether, as an advertisement, the affair pays expenses, will depend partly upon the size of the audiences, but chiefly upon the vigor of the prosecution.

It is to be regretted, on his own account, that Senator Morton should have made a speech at the Indianapolis Convention antagonistic to the platform adopted by the Republicans of Indiana. The platform declared for a revenue tariff—the Senator for a protective tariff. We presume, however, that this antagonism will not be of long duration. We call to mind the fact that Senator Morton was very slow in discovering the political heresies of Andrew Johnson and the financial heresies of George H. Pendleton, but, nevertheless, came out right in the end. We doubt not he will get his harness with the rest of his team in due time. Perhaps, if the platform had been adopted before the speech was made, he would have done so then and there.

Regarded as an argument in favor of "protection," the Senator's effort is one of the weakest we have ever seen. Regarded as an attempt to demolish one of the planks in the Democratic Platform, it is the mirror of the elements of valor than of discretion.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

A house near Ullin, Pulaski County, was struck by lightning last Saturday night, and a young man named Alfred Palmer killed. The house was set on fire and destroyed.

It is reported that the First National Bank of Decatur has determined to wind up and retire from business.

WISCONSIN.

The *Weyauwega Times* says that, during the severe wind of Friday evening of last week, a train of cars loaded with the cook canary of the Fox camp, near Fremont, smashing through the roof. Mrs. Scott and her two children were in the canary at the time. The stove was overturned over the bed in which one child was lying. Though the house was crushed in such a shape that the inmates could not free themselves until helped from the outside, the only personal injury received was a severe cut on the face of the child that was on the bed.

MICHIGAN.

Edward Thayer, aged 19 years, committed suicide near Ann Arbor on Wednesday last by shooting himself. He left a note, from which it appears that the principal cause of the act was that his father threatened to whip him for the waste of some of money which he spent last week, some $100 or $200.

A few days ago, Joseph Lix, a well-known resident of the upper peninsula, left Marquette, and on the ice of Lake Superior, on his way home, found in one of his traps a large lynx, securely held, by one hind foot, whereupon he conceived a design to capture the animal alive, which difficult task he successfully accomplished in the following manner: Having several steel traps with him, he tied one to the end of a pole, and by carefully reaching it out succeeded in catching another foot. In this way he secured all the animal's feet, and then threw the pole by which he secured it, and tied about the animal's head in such a manner as to prevent its using his teeth. He next secured the tail, and took off the traps. He then shouldered the prize, and was hearty two days in carrying it to his home.

The following copper mines have declared dividends: Quincy, $6 per share, or $120,000; Hecla, $20 per share, or $100,000; and Central, $4 per share, or $80,000.

MISSOURI.

Weenie people lately have an innocent man for, horse-stealing, and are now raising money to get him a pardon.

Miss Hetty Raymond, of St. Louis, was elected Engrossing Clerk by the Senate, on the 24th, and duly sworn in to perform her duties. Miss Nellie Hall was elected Enrolling Clerk by the House. Miss Hall is a graduate of Christian Brothers' College, at Lebanon, where she designs pursuing her studies.

The Platte County *Sentinel* says: "On Tuesday night last our neighborhood was the scene of a sensation, which, on the next morning, grew into agreeable excitement among the fair sex. It was reported to us are these: Master George Kyger, a lad of seven summers, fell desperately in love with Miss L. Baker, a lovely young maiden of twenty-four summers. Determined to show him's were that even, and leaving young each other unbeknown to their parents, the former went to Squire Acton, at Nashe's Grove, who, without asking the age of either party, united them in the holy bonds of the 'happy state.' Being apprehensive that their respective relatives would oppose their union at present, they concluded to remain single for a short happy couple took the midnight train for St. Joe. We sincerely wish the youthful couple much joy and happiness, and hope they may have a chance to learn his orthography."

At Kansas City, Jennings, on the evening of the 23d, while Daniel Wheeler was sitting in the office of his livery stable, in Alley corner of Main and Delaware streets, two men entered, one of whom fired upon him through the window, instantly killing him. The clerk in which the murderers men was sitting stood in the time not more than four feet from the window, and the ball passed close to his head. Both men have appropriated money to perpetuate the vitality. About sixteen hundred, as nearly as he can ascertain, was taken from Mr. Wheeler's person. Yesterday morning Mr. Wheeler was formerly a resident of Illinois.

The St. *Joseph Herald* says: "The 'Page County monster' is creating a decided sensation by his depredations in Morton Township, in this county. It killed fourteen sheep in one night for Mr. Henry Rinehart, nine for Mr. Benjamin Greene, and a few weights, more or less, for Mr. Thomas McCray. Messrs. Warren Davis and Henry Holloway state that it measured nine inches across. Mr. James thinks it is a California lion. The skillful beast has created the most profound consternation in the settlements of Morton Township, and people are afraid to leave their houses after night."

OHIO.

Colonel P. H. Conatser, after fifty-five years' residence in Franklin County, died at Commercial, on Monday. He was the oldest settler in the county.

In the Ohio Legislature, on the 24th, Mr. Baker introduced a bill providing as follows:

"1. That the Assessors of Ohio shall properly shall, at the time of making the assessment, make an enumeration of the whole of the State of Ohio, and of each county, who shall have resided in the State one year, and in the county one month next, which enumeration shall be returned to the Auditor of State on separate sheets of paper, to be made out a certified copy showing the total number of inhabitants in each county, township, for the Secretary of State, who shall publish the footings of the same, by counties, at least six times in some paper of each county.

"2. That the Trustees of each ward and township, in the several cities, towns, and villages, shall appoint a board of three judges of election, and two clerks of election, and shall provide a separate ballot-box and polling place, and shall cause the votes of each ward, who shall receive the votes of women only qualified to vote, to be counted by the judges, and the returns in all other respects as at other elections.

"3. That at the election aforesaid the question of woman suffrage shall be submitted to the following form: 'Female Suffrage, Yes.' 'Female Suffrage, No.' which shall be printed on a separate white paper; and the returns of said election shall be made to the Auditor of State, and transmitted to the Secretary of State, as in the case of the general election, and it shall be the duty of counting of said voting at the adjourned session of the General Assembly, the number of votes cast 'Female Suffrage, Yes,' and 'Female Suffrage, No,' and if the whole number of women enfranchised by the action of the General Assembly shall submit, in due form, the votes cast, and which shall be certified by the State, in the second Tuesday of October, 1874."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Canadian skate on steel stilts.

The ice trop in Alaska is an excellent one—a corner of ice in the bank.

The *New York Express* is said to have been bought by the Republicans for $50,000.

Jo Hilton, New York, a clergyman got ninety dozen eggs at a donation.

The excursion party at Paris was once a naval surgeon, and afterward a bill-broker and commission merchant.

A California paper reports a recent "fish shower" near Monterey, in which the fish varied in length from six inches to three feet!

A new and cheap method of preserving milk is announced in London—a "gastronomic journal" of a high class, to be called *The Knife and Fork*.

Down in Kentucky, a man who was in the progress of conveyances convicting the comfort and style of a prisoner, was sent to the county and the ready accessibility of a street-car.

Gold has lately been discovered in quartz veins north of Woodstock, New Brunswick, that yield, by analysis, at the rate of $16.51 per ton, the specimens examined not being selected in order to obtain them from the mass. A boy "panned" out his last summer's wages, and a horse for that vicinity are valued at $4 in half a day.

A Paris despatch says: "According to reliable reports, the Bonapartists are encouraged during the recent troubles, and that was the case of a boy who was killed by a bayonet thrust on a barricade, in him might appear after some days from which he had been fired. Not a single shot was fired by the soldiers and the police."

Mr. Stanton had a corps of men went to the house of a Roman Catholic priest at night, and told a pitiful story of how one of his parishioners was dying without spiritual consolation, when the priest set out for the supposed place. He was led into a dark alley, where an accomplice of the first-mentioned party was concealed, and was promptly and proceeded to rob the unfortunate clergyman.

A circular is sent out to the friends of the deceased before an execution in the following form:

"I am happy to inform you that to-morrow is the day appointed for the execution of ——. Do not fail to be present. He is afraid to do and will probably be hung. Let there be a good crowd and pass the night over a bowl of punch, so as to be ready when the interesting moment arrives."

The Paris *Marseillaise* still continues publishing the names of subscribers to the Victor Noir fund. Some of these fundraisers are very strong hands to their contributions, as, for instance, "Four Charenton" (carrion, the name which Prince Pierre Napoleon has accused Victor Noir and his companion, De Fonville) five francs; "An exalted and polite republican," fifty centimes; "Francis, a lazy girl of the Rue Mouffetard," an equable to his children, one franc. But the strangest of these contributions is the following: "A friend of the Republic, who has lost his wife, Emilie Olivier, now his prominent enemy, 25 consecutive centimes."

Mr. C. Wilson, of Monticello, Addison County, Vt., moved in the spring of 1868 rather more than a mile and a quarter with custom grist and saw mill machinery in the railway shops at Hamilton, a few days ago, and, to the surprise of the owners, the new Superintendent, a black coffin, at an incredibly short time. The mill was in operation in addition to certain contemplated or reported changes to be made, for the accommodation of the public, by the responsible. These changes are the removal of a large log-house, and the building of a new one, and the handling of locomotives by contract, instead of by the grounds of the company. These changes will involve the discharge of workmen now employed at Hamilton.

A Paris despatch says: "All the locomotives and railway carriages in Europe would reach from St. Petersburg to Paris, and the passengers, baggage, passenger carriages and 500,000 luggage cars would reach from Paris to Calais. Each train of 100 cars would have 1,000 passengers and 1,000 tons of luggage, and would require 1,000 tons of coal to transport it. The total number of passengers carried would be 1,000,000, and the total weight transported would be 1,000,000 tons. The total number of trains would be 10,000, and the total number of miles run would be 1,000,000. The total number of tons of coal required would be 10,000,000. The

SPORTING MATTERS.

Something About the Proposed June Trotting Meeting.

Rules for the Government of Races Adopted by the Turf Congress.

Lock-Picking, Prize-Fighting, Etc.

The Turf.

THE PROPOSED JUNE TROTTING MEETING.

The proposed programme for the June meeting at Dexter Park, as announced in THE TRIBUNE a few days ago, is meeting with the hearty approbation of our enterprising citizens, and, if carried out in good faith, will not only redound to great credit on the management, but put money in their purses. The sum of $8,000 invested in purses will more than double itself in the increased patronage it will attract. The Chicago public is as appreciative as any in the world. Our citizens will patronize an enterprise, provided the contests are worthy the name, and the management is honest and liberal. The terms last season were the most satisfactory ever offered by any association, and not worthy even the patronage they did receive.

A word to the management.

If it is really your desire to give Chicago a first-class trotting season, be about to perfect the arrangements now. Don't wait until rumors like those which have appeared all the heat trotters, and then offer the excuse that the animals cannot be had for Chicago. Offer such purses as will attract the owners of fast horses, and at the time for the races now, so that no previous engagements will interfere with your plans. Let the purses exceed in amount and decided action in this matter. They will in the end be found the most economical. In the long run

NEW TROTTING RULES.

At the recent meeting of the American Trotting Association, held in New York, a set of rules and regulations were adopted for the government of trotting-horse associations, and United States Courses, having the honor of the turf at heart, should adopt them. Millions of dollars are invested in the stock of trotting-horses, and Chicago should be foremost in the ranks in other instances besides the above.

The constitution of the Board of Appeals is very comprehensive, and, despite the many changes which have been made by drivers, who, in the past, have been the terror of managers, the rules have at last become reasonably perfect. The following are the rules under the head of

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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 25.

THE JUDICIARY REPORT.

e whole require a unanimity of this convention to do the proceedings justice to-day. The morning hour was wasted in listening to blank cartridge, core with the single exception that the Judiciary Committee made its report. As these affairs lawyers on this occasion, so one of them is entirely satisfied with the article reported, and as there is a long array of the same persuasion in the convention, every one of whom is independent and sovereign, most of them, it may reasonably be expected that the report will be so torn and battered by the time that it is done with that its friend will not recognize it. Not enthusiasm to the day over the report, and crossing may be postponed until the article is taken up next week.

A SHOWER OF IDEAS.

n the absence of any regular business, fore- ers popped in their heads and exchanged s a morning in perfect military order and e A. M. Arnold wanted some soap put on ational perjury which now runs commonly, because parties to such were allowed to testify in their own behalf, and Mr. Underwood stated that after a jury had retired and disagreed for certain length of time, that five-sixths be allowed to bring in a compromise verdict. Attica didn't believe that any lawyer should be granted a leave of absence to attend to his private business. But no! Take class was the reason on the subject of adjournment would have been to confine an imperial observer that the assembly should of the State to the work of reorganization, were invited to offer up speech in behalf of the convention. Heretofore, one but white clergymen have been invited to this ceremonial. Feeling aggrieved thereat, several of the aggrieved divines have remonstrated at this partiality, and hence the resolution of the gentleman from Cook. Under it the Secretary of the convention is obliged to seek out those theological expounders who have been aggrieved or neglected.

SUFFRAGE REPORT.

The Committee on Suffrage reported back today, and consideration of the same was postponed until next week. There seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of the majority of the committee to put the report through, Reporter of its decisions, who shall hold his office for six years, subject to removal by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senate. Each court shall hold their offices during the terms for which they were elected, at the time of the election for Representatives next after such election, and shall reside at the place where the Supreme Court may be holden.

SEC. 10. The present Clerk of the Supreme Court and Clerks of said court, and the Clerk of the Appellate Court, shall hold their offices during the terms for which they were elected, at the time of the election for Representatives next after such election, and shall reside at the place where the Supreme Court may be holden.

SEC. 11. After the year A. D. 1874, inferior appellate courts, of uniform organization and jurisdiction, may be created in districts formed for that purpose, to which such appeals and writs of error may be prosecuted from circuit and other courts, as the General Assembly may provide, and from which appeals and writs of error shall lie to the Supreme Court, in all cases in which a franchise or freehold is involved, or such other cases as may be provided by law. The appellate courts shall be held by such number of Judges of the Circuit Courts and at such times and places and in such manner as may be provided by law, but no Judge shall sit in review upon cases decided by him.

SEC. 12. The Circuit Courts shall have original jurisdiction of all cases at law and in equity, and such appellate jurisdiction as is, or may be provided by law, and shall hold their sessions in each county in this State for five years or more immediately preceding his election, and shall reside in the district in which he shall be elected, and be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, and of the State, but unless he shall have resided in the district for one year next preceding his election, and who shall be elected, and shall reside in the district for which he shall be elected, during his continuance in office. No person shall be eligible to the office of Judge of the Supreme Court who shall not have attained the age of thirty years, and be a citizen of the United States and of this State, and have resided in the State for five years next preceding his election, and who shall reside in the district for which he shall be elected, during his continuance in office.

SEC. 13. The State, exclusive of the county of Cook, shall, before the expiration of the terms of office of the Judges of the Circuit Courts, be divided into judicial circuits, containing as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants, and for each of which one Judge shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof, who shall reside within the circuit for which he shall be elected and qualified.

SEC. 14. The General Assembly may provide for the times of holding court in each county, which shall not be changed after the Circuit Court shall have been held therein, and for the terms of office of Judges of said courts, and for the number of Judges in each circuit, and may increase the number of Judges in any circuit whenever the business of the courts therein shall require it, and may provide for the election of such additional Judges at the general election next preceding the expiration of the term for which the Judges of the circuit in which such additional Judge is to be elected are elected, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts at any general election, and may provide for the division of any circuit into districts, and for the election of a Judge in each district, and may provide for the transfer of any cause pending in any circuit to any other circuit for trial, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of more than one circuit, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of the State at large, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any grand division of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any subdivision of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more circuits, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more counties, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more districts, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more subdivisions of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more grand divisions of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more subdivisions of any grand division of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more grand divisions and subdivisions of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more counties, districts, grand divisions and subdivisions of the State, and may provide for the election of Judges of said courts by the electors of any two or more